you will see that the local authorities had not a free hand to throw oil over the troubled waters. I shall reserve the details to our personal exchange of views.

Yours sincerely

M. Venkatasubbaya

Hyderabad
10-11-1937

My dear Mir. Mirza M. Ismail,

I thank you for your kind letter of the 1st instant. I was touring in the Chitaldrog District to collect donations for the Brahmana Vidya Sahaya Sangha. I came to Hyderabad yesterday and received your letter. Otherwise I would have replied to it earlier. I beg to assure you that in all I shall speak and act the welfare of His Highness the Maharaja and of his loyal and law abiding subjects occupies the Chief place.

After I came to Hyderabad I heard with regret the doings of the Students about the celebration of the Tilak Day and the conduct of the Police authorities in the matter. The Deputy Commissioner would have risen to the occasion and peace and goodwill

would will have reigned supreme but for the protraction from the head quarters which had the effect of bringing about the unhappy situation. The whole of the Indian atmosphere is sur-charged with the electricity of patriotism It is spreading like wild fire. Boys are after all boys. They cannot be expected to acquit themselves like sober gentlemen who have had much of buffets of the world. They should be handled with tact and a spirit of love warming and forgiveness. The police authorities and the magistrates were not allowed to exercise their judgement in the matter. They were ordered to adopt a policy which His Highness would never approve. A mistake has been made. The matter

has passed away, though bitterness still exists. Attempts are being made to punish the boys. I am for leaving the punishment to the discretion of the heads of institutions. The authorities would do well to adopt a policy of forget and forgive. They knew that the matter would have passed off without the least disturbance, if the police had not interfered. Our business is to see that no further fuss is made about the matter. Prosecution of students would lower our prestige considerably. It is very easy to bring both the police and the student to reason. The Government should be advised not to follow a vindictive policy. If the records are sent for